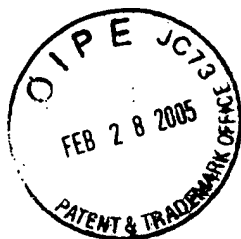


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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)
Minoru TESHIGAWARA) : Examiner: O. Akpati
Application No.: 09/879,994) : Group Art Unit: 2135
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2004, Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the following remarks.